

# Medford Daily Tribune

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### TO ABROGATE CHARTER.

An initiative petition has been filed with the city recorder calling for a vote of the people to abolish the special features of the Medford charter, which enable the city to regulate her own affairs and thereby surrender this right to the residents of Jackson county, who then can dictate to Medford.

For citizens of Medford to unnecessarily surrender their rights and privileges seems the height of absurdity. In no way can the city be benefited by this action—but it can be a loser.

If the people of Medford want prohibition, they have merely to vote for it to secure it under the charter. If they want high license—their vote obtains it. The charter makes it possible for the citizens to rule their own affairs and govern the city as they see fit. It is the real principle of local option—not the unjust so-called local option law of Oregon, where non-residents can dictate to a city.

If Medford votes away her special and unique privileges, special and unique only through the injustice of general laws—she can never recover them, but is placed in the category with all other cities whose power for self-government has been taken away and given to the county. What could possibly be gained? Ashland and other envious rivals could run Medford to suit themselves—and Medford would have to submit.

Under the present charter, Medford is her own boss—rules herself—and why should she lose the right—her birthright? Does a man knowingly vote away his independence? Neither should a city.

### R. D. HUME'S EARLDOM.

That excellent weekly, the Portland Spectator, has the following to say concerning the late R. D. Hume, "Lord of the Rogue," who it seems was a real peer:

"In none of the stories that have appeared about that notable character, R. D. Hume, since his death has a word been said of that thing which of which he was proudest—his ancestry. Mr. Hume's canneries, his lands, his newspapers, his beautiful home—all that he had won by shrewdness, ability, and determination, counted for nothing, compared with the thing that was his through no effort of his own. With his intimates he discussed ancestry as other men talk politics, religion, or business; he loved a coat-of-arms more than he did the dollar-mark, and a crest gave him subject for an hour's conversation. Mr. Hume believed he was the earl of Marchmont.

"The strange thing about the belief was that it was true—that is, so far as a man can have a title that does not exist. If the earldom of Marchmont had not lapsed, owing to the fact that one of the Humes had suffered the double misfortune of simultaneously losing the title and his head, R. D. Hume would have been a peer, and sat in the house of lords, dominating that body of hereditary rulers as he dominated everything and everybody with which and whom he had anything to do.

"When the noted ancestor of R. D. Hume belted on his good sword, and led his spearmen out to fight for a king who found more joy in dancing to the lascivious pleasing of a lute than in following the blare of the charge-sounding trumpet, his grace of Marchmont involved himself in a quarrel that led him to the block, and drove his kith and kin into hiding and overseas. Some years ago R. D. Hume edited a book on the Hume family, which shows his descent from the brave but unfortunate Earl of Marchmont and which shows, besides, that some of the Humes were as to features and looks distressingly ill-favored. Mr. Hume was a fine type of westerner—a true friend and an honest-fighting enemy; there was no fear in his heart, and little reproach to his life."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.	
Mary H. Ragar et al to Charles Brooke, 23.55 acres in D L C 93, township 37, range 2 W, 10250	10
A. E. Shepard to H. W. Huntzinger, 1 acre in section 5, township 39, range 1 E	10
John Zimmerman to A. E. Shepard, 10 acres in section 5, township 39, range 1 E	10
Harry C. Steadland to F. E. Young, lot 1, block 2, Sunset Park	200
F. E. Young to H. W. Huntzinger, lot 1, block 3, Sunset Park	10
R. J. Edwards to Edwin P. Hughes, property in Ashland	350
Edwin P. Hughes to Annie McClanahan, property in Ashland	350
Allen Davis to Oscar Hoots, property in Downing's subdivision of Ashland	200
Oscar Hoots to W. P. Dodd, property in Downing's subdivision to Ashland	10
L. M. Lindsey to L. Misch, lot 3, Woolen's addition to Ashland	10
Eda M. Morris to Charles R. Boardley, lots 1 and 6 and east	
half lots 2 and 5, block 30, Woolen's addition to Ashland	10
W. S. Morton to Samuel P. Starr, land in section 10, township 38, range 1 E	10
Homelia Munkers to Anna W. Thomas, property in Ashland	10
Pauline Hines to C. M. Wiseman, 142.59 acres in township A. S. Barnes, sheriff to William Clark et al, lot 6, block 21, Medford	7
State of Oregon to Giles Wells, 160 acres in section 16, township 39, range 2 E	200
Everett Pinsky to Lloyd Earl Colman, 23 acres in D L C 72, township 37, range 2 W	2175
Leon B. Haskins to Mrs. Nancy Burt, 200 acres in section 16, township 38, range 2 W	10
James W. Carpenter to Henry Kerby, land in section 3, township 39, range 1 W	500

Change in Date.  
 Meeting of the Men's Civic Brotherhood has been changed to the following night and will be Wednesday, not Tuesday evening, as formerly announced in this paper.

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### NAT GOODWIN REPLIES TO SUIT OF MINING PARTNER

RENO, Nev., Dec. 14.—Alleging that they have already been damaged to the extent of \$500,000 and denying all allegations in a suit filed by Warren Miller this week, the Nat Goodwin company today filed an answer to Miller's suit, together with a cross-complaint, which many here believe is but the forerunner of what promises to be one of the most sensational suits yet brought in Nevada.

The Goodwin company was originally sued by Miller for an accounting. The suit also asked that a receiver for the company be appointed. In the answer today the Goodwin company claims that Miller, who helped to organize the company, now tries of the bargain he made when he sold his interests; that he has been caught selling short of Rawhide Coalition, the big property of the Goodwin company, and, now that he cannot secure the stock without paying five times or more the price for which he sold it, he seeks to ruin the firm and cast discredit upon the company.

Miller denies that he owns a share of the Coalition or that he sold any of it short. He expresses pleasure at the answer of the Goodwin company and promises the public additional sensations when the case is finally called for trial.

### JOHNSON STILL HOPEFUL OF DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—"I do not think the leaders of the Democratic party are cast down by defeat and if they are right, as I think they are, they will win eventually."

Thus spoke John A. Johnson, governor of Minnesota, who is here to attend the conservation congress, the conference of governors and the waterways convention, expressed in an interview his abiding faith in democracy.

"I think the democratic party is in a better position than it was before the campaign opened. I am, of course, unable to say what caused the result to be what it was. Mr. Bryan was much misunderstood and purposely misrepresented; there was lack of organization in the democratic party and unity of organization in republican ranks."

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